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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Landau, et al.) Examiner: A. Rudy
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Serial No.: 09/595,528) Art Unit: 3627
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Filed: June 16, 2000)

**For: ORDER AND ACCOUNTING METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR SERVICES
PROVIDED VIA AN INTERACTIVE COMMUNICATION NETWORK**

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the final Office Action mailed on September 21, 2004. Claims 1-27 are pending.

Claims 1-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Purcell (6,081,789).

Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections in view of the following comments.

Discussion of Purcell

Purcell discloses an automated inventory information exchange system. A host information management system 10 is provided for managing and processing